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November 8, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: Notice of Consolidation of Commonly-Owned Study Areas
Sunflower Enterprises, Inc.
Mississippi Study Areas 280466 and 280457
CC Docket No. 96-45**

On behalf of Sunflower Enterprises, Inc. ("Sunflower"), JSI respectfully submits the attached notice of consolidation in CC Docket No. 96-45. The attached provides the Wireline Competition Bureau notice of the consolidation effective January 1, 2020, of the Sunflower Mississippi study areas.

Please direct inquiries regarding this filing to the undersigned consultant for the Company.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall
Vice President

on behalf of

Robert O. Sledge, Jr., President
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Attachment

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Dear Mr. Palmer,

Sunflower Enterprises, Inc. ("Sunflower" or "Company") is the holding company for the following two incumbent local exchange carriers in Mississippi: Sledge Telephone Company, ("Sledge") which has a Study Area Code of 280466 and Lakeside Telephone Company, Inc. ("Lakeside") which has a Study Area Code of 280457. Both study areas receive Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support.

Sunflower hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") that effective January 1, 2020, the Company will consolidate the foregoing study areas with 280466 being the surviving study area. Pursuant to FCC precedent, no prior approval is required when commonly-owned existing study areas in the same state are consolidated.¹



Robert O. Sledge, Jr., President

cc: Alexander Minard, FCC
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Victor Gaither, High Cost Program, Universal Service Administrative Co.
Jeff Phillips, National Exchange Carrier Association

¹ See, e.g., Request for Clarification Filed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., and Petitions for Waivers Filed by Alaska Telephone Company, Ducor Telephone Company, and Kingsgate Telephone, Inc., Concerning the Definition of "Study Area" in the Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules, AAD 95-173, AAD 96-29, AAD 96-51, Memorandum Opinion and Order. 11 FCC Red 8156, 8160 (Com. Carr. Bur. July 16, 1996).